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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In Delaware, we are committed to fostering an economic environment that encourages innovation and promotes technological development. The internet has become one of the most dynamic vehicles for innovation and technological growth over the past 15 years. Businesses of all sizes now depend on broadband connectivity as a key driver of their growth. Expanding broadband access can help distribute the benefits of the internet economy to communities large and small.

Because the growth of the internet is such a significant element of our knowledge-based economy, I am concerned about the steps taken recently by the Commission to regulate the internet under Title II of the Communications Act. As you know, Title II regulations were originally written for wireline telephone service almost a century ago. Substantial questions have been raised about whether Title II regulations are an appropriate regulatory scheme for a communication system as dynamic as the internet.

That dynamism has been the key to success of the internet. Any regulatory scheme that might be considered must take into account the potential to damage that dynamism and negatively affect the business community and job creation. The telecommunications industry in the United States is investing billions each year in strengthening its network infrastructure, and millions of Americans have jobs directly affected by these companies and their investments.

Recently, a bipartisan group of members of Congress urged the Commission not to move forward with its Title II proposal. The leaders of the House and Senate Committees on Commerce announced they are going to seek input regarding internet and broadband policy for the country. Given the complexity of this industry, I would urge the Commission not to move forward with a regulatory approach that might inhibit future investment in broadband, but instead to work with Congress to create a policy for the future.

Sincerely,

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